

MORNING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In your tender compassion the dawn from on high is breaking upon us to dispel the lingering shadows of night. As we look for your coming among us this day, open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise. **Amen.**

PSALM 19

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Or Daily Office Lectionary from page 937 of the Book of Common Prayer

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Isaiah 42:1-12</i>	<i>John 3:16-21</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Isaiah 11:1-9</i>	<i>John 5:30-47</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 11:10-16</i>	<i>Luke 1:5-25</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 28:9-22</i>	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 29:13-24</i>	<i>Luke 1:39-48-56</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>	<i>Luke 1:67-80</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Isaiah 59:15b-21</i>	<i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>

REFLECTIONS: SILENT AND WRITTEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS

The Church throughout the World
The World: for peace and goodwill among neighbors
Our Nation and her Leaders
Our Community
Grace Episcopal Church
My own Thanksgivings and Concerns

COLLECT

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

EVENING PRAYER

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2

PSALM 4

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Ephesians 6:10-20</i>	<i>John 3:16-21</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Revelations 20:1-10</i>	<i>John 5:30-47</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Revelations 20:11—21:8</i>	<i>Luke 1:5-25</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Revelations 21:9-21</i>	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Revelations 21:22—22:5</i>	<i>Luke 1:39-48-56</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Revelations 22:12-17, 21</i>	<i>Luke 1:67-80</i>
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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

THE SONG OF SIMEON

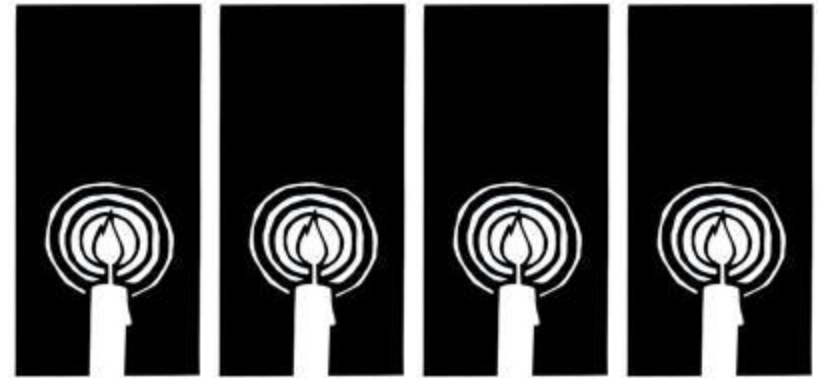
Lord, you now have set your servant free*
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

WEEK FOUR: TRYING TO STAY ALERT FOR THE FINAL WAIT

I wait for angels in the picnic areas of R.V. parks,
among trailer homes, in video arcades, in malls,
sitting in my aluminum-framed folding chair,
nylon webbing digging into my bare thighs.

Pulling the longer hairs loose in cries of penance;
my wife and children lost to the world,
I wait alone in the sweltering heat or in Freon
chilled to the bone, I watch for proof.

Worship, Study, and Service with an ethic of Welcome. That is
how we incarnate Grace. It's our way of life.



ADVENT DAILY PRAYER

Week Four

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.
Isaiah 40:5

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.

Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

O, Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.



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